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SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF DANGEROUS ALIEN

REF: LAGOS 4965, STATE 101840

1. FOLLOWING IS AS MUCH ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS IS
IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE:

A. DEPORTEE AGAMS CHARGED BY INS WITH REMAINING IN US
LONGER THAN PERMITTED. AGAMS' STUDENT VISA VALID FROM
SEPTEMBER 7, 1971 TO APRIL 13, 1976. HOWEVER, HE HAD
TERMINATED ATTENDANCE AS STUDENT AT SUNY BINGHAMTON IN
DECEMBER, 1975, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY HIS RIGHT TO REMAIN
IN US.

B. AGAMS WAS DEFENDANT IN CASE OF HARASSMENT BROUGHT BY
LANDLORD IN NEW YORK STATE AFTER HE ALLEGEDLY SLAPPED
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LANDLORD ACROSS THE FACE WHEN LANDLORD CAME TO COLLECT

RENT IN DECEMBER, 1975. CASE BROUGHT TO JOHNSON CITY COURT, BROOME COUNTY, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 26, 1976. AGAMS FAILED TO APPEAR, AND CASE HELD IN SUSPENSION.

C. INS/WASH REPORTS THAT AGAMS WROTE SEVERAL LETTERS TO INS IN NEW YORK STATE ALLEGING THAT HIS SECOND WIFE TLIA NIKOLAEVNA AGAMS WAS ENGAGED IN ACTIVITIES DETRIMENTAL TO WELFARE OF US AND THAT SHE HAD FORMERLY BEEN MARRIED TO AKGB OFFICER. THE FORMER MRS. AGAMS IS REPORTEDLY NOW A STUDENT AT UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS.

D. AGAMS HELD BY INS IN D.C. JAIL APRIL 15-27. BAIL SET AT \$1,000, BUT NO ONE OFFERED OBTAIN BOND FOR HIM. INS

BOUGHT TICKET FOR DAUGHTER (WHO NOT LEGALLY DEPORTED) IN ORDER MEET HIS REQUEST THAT BOTH RETURN TO NIGERIA. AGAMS HAD EARLIER MAINTAINED THAT USG OWED HIM RETURN TRIP AND THAT HE HAD REFUSED ASSISTANCE OF FAMILY IN NIGERIA AND OF NIGERIAN EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: AGAMS IS ALMOST CERTAIN TO MAKE CHARGES TO ANYONE WHO WILL LISTEN THAT HE HAS BEEN BADLY TREATED IN US, TRY TO IDENTIFY CIA AGENTS IN NIGERIA, ETC. EVEN THO HIS EMOTIONALISM WILL PROBABLY CAUSE MOST NIGERIANS, LIKE VIRTUALLY ALL AMERICANS WHO HAVE MET HIM, TO DISCOUNT HIS ASSERTIONS AND REACT NEGATIVELY, HE MIGHT WELL FIND NIGERIANS IN PRESS OR ELSEWHERE WHO TAKE HIM SERIOUSLY AND/OR PUBLICIZE HIS VIEWS. EMBASSY WOULD PROBABLY FIND SAFEST COURSE IS TO AVOID POLEMIC WITH AGAMS, TO ALLOW HIM TO DISCREDIT HIMSELF AMONG THINKING NIGERIANS, AND TO ACCEPT THE FACT THAT ANY GROUPS WHICH SYMPATHIZE WITH AGAMS WILL PROBABLY REMAIN ANTI-AMERICAN WHATEVER THE EMBASSY SAYS ABOUT HIM.

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